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What is claimed is:

1 1. A luminescent indicator, comprising:

2 an LED that includes a light emitting element and that
3 plane-radiates light in a direction nearly vertical to the
4 optical axis of the light emitting element; and

5 a light-guiding member in which at least the one LED
6 is incorporated at a predetermined position and which
7 includes: a light reflection surface that reflects light to
8 be plane-radiated from the LED and that allows the reflected
9 light to be radiated in a desired direction; and a light
10 radiation surface that allows direct light to be directly
11 emitted from the LED and the reflected light to be
12 externally radiated the light radiation surface.

1 2. The luminescent indicator according to claim 1,

2 wherein:

3 the light-guiding member has a plurality of the light
4 reflection surfaces.

1 3. The luminescent indicator according to claim 1,

2 wherein:

3 the LED is housed in a recess formed in the light-
4 guiding member.

1 4. The luminescent indicator according to claim 1,

2 wherein:

3 the LED and the light-guiding member are housed in a
4 housing.

1 5. A rearview mirror apparatus for looking the
2 backward circumstances of a vehicle, comprising:

3 a housing that includes a mirror disposed on its back
4 side;

5 an LED that includes a light emitting element and that
6 plane-radiates light in a direction nearly vertical to the
7 optical axis of the light emitting element; and

8 a light guiding member that is attached to the housing
9 such that it is exposed in an opening formed at part of the
10 outer surface of the housing and that houses at least the
11 one LED at a predetermined position;

12 wherein the light-guiding member allows part of light
13 radiated from the LED to be transmitted through and allows
14 other part of light radiated from the LED to be reflected on
15 its inner surface to be radiated in a desired direction.

1 6. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim 5,
2 wherein:

3 the light guiding member is composed of a front face
4 formed along the outer shape of the housing and a back face
5 opposite to the front face, the back face being provided
6 with a step portion to diffuse light radiated from the LED.

1 7. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim 6,
2 wherein:

3 the step portion functions as a reflection surface
4 that reflects light radiated from the LED or light reflected
5 on at least part of the front face and back face of the

6 light guiding member in a desired direction to allow the
7 light to be externally radiated from the front face the
8 light guiding member.

1 8. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim 6,
2 wherein:

3 the LED is disposed between the front face and back
4 face of the light guiding member and near the outer edge of
5 the housing.

1 9. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim 6,
2 wherein:

3 the light guiding member has a V-shaped notch on the
4 back face, the notch serving to diffuse light radiated from
5 the LED.

1 10. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim 5,
2 wherein:

3 the light guiding member has one end that is extended
4 near the mirror on the back side of the housing.

1 11. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim 5,
2 wherein:

3 the housing is attached to a door or an engine hood of
4 the vehicle, or to a motorcycle as the vehicle.

1 12. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim 5,
2 wherein:

3 the LED emits amber or white light.

1 13. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim 5,
2 wherein:

3 the LED is turned on in conjunction with a blinker
4 lamp and/or parking lamp.

1 14. A rearview mirror apparatus for looking the
2 backward circumstances of a vehicle, comprising:

3 a housing that includes a mirror disposed on its back
4 side;

5 an LED that includes a light emitting element and that
6 radiates light in the optical axis direction of the light
7 emitting element and in a direction nearly vertical to the
8 optical axis direction; and

9 a reflector that is disposed along the shape of the
10 housing at part of the outer surface of the housing and
11 that has at least one reflection surface which allows light
12 radiated from the LED disposed in the reflection surface to
13 be reflected in the front or side direction of the vehicle.

1 15. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim
2 14, wherein:

3 the reflector has two reflection surfaces for forward
4 lighting and for sideward lighting.

1 16. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim
2 14, wherein:

3 the reflector has a cover on its front face.

1 17. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim

2 16, wherein:

3 the cover has a diffusion surface to diffuse incident
4 light on its inner surface.

1 18. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim

2 16, wherein:

3 the cover is transparent or semi-transparent and is
4 colored in amber or colorless.

1 19. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim

2 14, wherein:

3 the housing is attached to a door or an engine hood of
4 the vehicle, or to a motorcycle as the vehicle.

1 20. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim

2 14, wherein:

3 the LED emits amber or white light.

1 21. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim

2 14, wherein:

3 the LED is turned on in conjunction with a blinker
4 lamp and/or parking lamp.

1 22. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim

2 14, wherein:

3 the LED is disposed inside the housing such that light
4 radiated from the light emitting element is directly
5 radiated to the back of the vehicle.

1 23. The rearview mirror apparatus according to claim

2 14, wherein:

3 the reflector has a partially reduced thickness such
4 that light radiated from the light emitting element is
5 directly radiated to the back of the vehicle.